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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN NEW DELHI

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S
ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN NEW DELHI OCTOBER 27, CLEARED
FOR RELEASE BY THE SECRETARY'S PARTY:

2. "MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT TO
INDIA AS SECRETARY OF STATE BUT I HAVE BEEN HERE ON
SEVERAL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND TO
MEET OLD FRIENDS. IN THE PAST YEAR OR SO RELATIONS
BETWEEN INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE IMPROVED
CONSIDERABLY. THE TWO GREATEST DEMOCRACIES IN THE
WORLD HAVE REDISCOVERED THEIR COMMON PURPOSES AND
HAVE EXCHANGED IDEAS ON AN EVER INCREASING RANGE OF TOPICS.
IT IS TO CONTINUE THIS EXCHANGE THAT I HAVE GRATEFULLY
ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, THE
FOREIGN MINISTER, TO VISIT THE SUBCONTINENT.

3. I LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO MY TALKS WITH PRIME
MINISTER GANDHI AND WITH ALL THE OTHER MINISTERS WHO
HAVE BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO MAKE TIME ON THEIR SCHEDULES.
I COME HERE AT A TIME OF GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN THE
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WORLD BUT ALSO OF GREAT OPPORTUNITY. THERE IS THE

POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A NEW INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
BASED ON PEACE AND JUSTICE AND COOPERATION, VALUES TO
WHICH BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES HAVE LONG SINCE BEEN
DEDICATED.

4. I APPRECIATE THE WARMTH OF YOUR RECEPTION, I LOOK
FORWARD TO MY TALKS AND I KNOW THAT WHEN I LEAVE THE
ALREADY STRONG RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN INDIA AND THE
UNITED STATES WILL, HOPEFULLY, BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
MOYNIHAN

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